

Union Calendar No. 125

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1121

[Report No. 111-227]

To authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Ms. FOXX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 24, 2009

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 23, 2009]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Blue Ridge Parkway*
 5 *and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
 9 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

10 (2) *TOWN.*—*The term “Town” means the Town*
 11 *of Blowing Rock in the State of North Carolina.*

12 (3) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the National*
 13 *Park Service map titled “Blue Ridge Parkway, Pro-*
 14 *posed Land Exchange with Town of Blowing Rock”,*
 15 *numbered “601/90,000A”, and dated “April, 2008”.*

16 (4) *EXCHANGE.*—*The term “exchange” means*
 17 *the exchange of land authorized by section 3(a).*

18 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subsection (d), the Sec-*
 20 *retary may exchange approximately 20 acres of land within*
 21 *the boundary of the Blue Ridge Parkway that are generally*
 22 *depicted on the map as “Blowing Rock Reservoir”, for ap-*
 23 *proximately 192 acres of land owned by the Town that are*
 24 *generally depicted on the map as “Town of Blowing Rock*
 25 *Exchange Lands”.*

1 (b) *MAP AVAILABILITY.*—*The map shall be on file and*
 2 *available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of*
 3 *the National Park Service.*

4 (c) *TIMING.*—*The Secretary shall seek to complete the*
 5 *land exchange not later than three years after the date of*
 6 *the enactment of this Act.*

7 (d) *APPLICABLE LAWS; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—
 8 *The exchange shall be subject to—*

9 (1) *laws, regulations, and policies applicable to*
 10 *exchanges of land administered by the National Park*
 11 *Service, including those concerning land appraisals,*
 12 *equalization of values, and environmental compliance;*
 13 *and*

14 (2) *such terms and conditions as the Secretary*
 15 *considers appropriate.*

16 (e) *EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.*—*If the lands proposed*
 17 *for exchange are found to be not equal in value, the equali-*
 18 *zation of values may be achieved by adjusting the acreage*
 19 *amounts identified in subsection (a).*

20 (f) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.*—*Upon completion of the*
 21 *exchange, the Secretary shall adjust the boundary of the*
 22 *Blue Ridge Parkway to reflect the exchanged lands.*

23 (g) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*Lands acquired by the Sec-*
 24 *retary through the exchange shall be administered as part*

1 *of the Blue Ridge Parkway in accordance with all applica-*
2 *ble laws and regulations.*

3 *(h) FUTURE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.—If the Town*
4 *desires to dispose of the reservoir property that is the subject*
5 *of the exchange, the Secretary shall have the right of first*
6 *refusal to acquire the property for the Blue Ridge Parkway.*

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